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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS AND TECHNICAL  
CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Each registrar may appoint one or more challengers [in his town  
6 or district] from among the enrolled party members in the state, one of  
7 whom may be present at the offering of any vote; and any such  
8 challenger or any elector may challenge the right of any person  
9 offering to vote, on the ground of want of identity with the person on  
10 whose name the vote is offered, or disfranchisement or lack of bona  
11 fide residence, and the moderator shall decide upon the right of the  
12 person so challenged to vote.

13 (b) Challenges shall not be made indiscriminately and may only be  
14 made if the challenger knows, suspects or reasonably believes such a

15 person not to be qualified and entitled to vote. Any challenge by an  
16 elector and the statement of the person challenged shall be under oath,  
17 administered by the moderator.

18 Sec. 502. Section 9-249 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20 (a) Before each election, the registrars of voters, certified moderator  
21 and certified mechanic shall instruct the election officials. Any  
22 provision of the general statutes or of any special act to the contrary  
23 notwithstanding, election officials shall be appointed at least twenty  
24 days before the election except challengers, as described in section 9-  
25 232, as amended by this act, shall be appointed at least five days before  
26 the election and moderators shall be appointed as provided in section  
27 9-229. The registrars, certified moderator and certified mechanic shall  
28 instruct each election official who is to serve in a voting district in  
29 which a voting machine is to be used in the use of the machine and his  
30 duties in connection therewith, and for the purpose of giving such  
31 instruction, such instructors shall call such meeting or meetings of the  
32 election officials as are necessary. Such instructors shall, without delay,  
33 file a report in the office of the municipal clerk and with the Secretary  
34 of the State, (1) stating that they have instructed the election officials  
35 named in the report and the time and place where such instruction  
36 was given, and (2) containing a signed statement from each such  
37 election official acknowledging that the official has received such  
38 instruction.

39 (b) The election officials of such voting districts shall attend the  
40 elections training program developed under subdivision (1) of  
41 subsection (c) of section 9-192a and any other meeting or meetings as  
42 are called for the purpose of receiving such instructions concerning  
43 their duties as are necessary for the proper conduct of the election.

44 (c) Each election official who qualifies for and serves in the election  
45 shall be paid not less than one dollar for the time spent in receiving  
46 such instruction, in the same manner and at the same time as the

47 official is paid for the official's services on election day.

48 (d) No election official shall serve in any election unless the official  
49 has received such instruction and is fully qualified to perform the  
50 official's duties in connection with the election, but this shall not  
51 prevent the appointment of an election official to fill a vacancy in an  
52 emergency.

53 Sec. 503. Section 9-258 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes  
54 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
55 *from passage*):

56 For municipalities with more than one voting district, the election  
57 officials of each polling place, including voting tabulator technicians,  
58 shall be electors of the state and shall consist of one moderator, at least  
59 one but not more than two official checkers, two assistant registrars of  
60 voters of opposite political parties, each of whom shall be residents of  
61 the town, not more than two challengers if the registrars of voters have  
62 appointed challengers pursuant to section 9-232, and at least one and  
63 not more than two ballot clerks and at least one but not more than two  
64 voting tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use at the polling  
65 place. A known candidate for any office shall not serve as an election  
66 official on election day or serve at the polls in any capacity, except that  
67 a municipal clerk or a registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the  
68 same office, may perform his or her official duties. If, in the opinion of  
69 the registrar of voters, the public convenience of the electors in any  
70 voting district so requires, provision shall be made for an additional  
71 line or lines of electors at the polling place and, if more than one line of  
72 electors is established, at least one but not more than two additional  
73 official checkers and at least one but not more than two ballot clerks  
74 for each line of electors shall be appointed and, if more than one  
75 tabulator is used in a polling place, at least one and not more than two  
76 additional voting tabulator tenders shall be appointed for each  
77 additional machine so used. Head moderators, central counting  
78 moderators, absentee ballot counters and voting tabulator technicians  
79 appointed pursuant to law shall also be deemed election officials. For

80 municipalities with one voting district, the election officials of such  
81 polling place, except voting tabulator technicians and challengers, shall  
82 be electors of the town and shall consist of: One moderator, at least  
83 one, but not more than two official checkers, not more than two  
84 challengers if the registrars of voters have appointed challengers  
85 pursuant to section 9-232, at least one and not more than two voting  
86 tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use at the polling place  
87 and at least one but not more than two ballot clerks. Additionally, such  
88 election officials may consist of two registrars of voters of opposite  
89 political parties, or two assistant registrars of voters of opposite  
90 political parties, as the case may be, subject to the requirements of  
91 sections 9-259 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and 9-439,  
92 who shall: (1) Be available by telephone and notify all registrars of  
93 voters' offices in the state of such telephone number, (2) be connected  
94 to the state-wide computerized registry list, and (3) have all voter card  
95 files in the polling place for reference. A known candidate for any  
96 office shall not serve as an election official on election day or serve at  
97 the polls in any capacity, except that a municipal clerk or a registrar of  
98 voters, who is a candidate for the same office, may perform his or her  
99 official duties. If, in the opinion of the registrar of voters, the public  
100 convenience of the electors in any voting district so requires, provision  
101 shall be made for an additional line or lines of electors at the polling  
102 place and, if more than one line of electors is established, at least one,  
103 but not more than two, additional official checkers for each line of  
104 electors shall be appointed and, if more than one tabulator is used in a  
105 polling place, at least one and not more than two additional voting  
106 tabulator tenders shall be appointed for each additional tabulator so  
107 used. Head moderators, central counting moderators, absentee ballot  
108 counters and voting tabulator technicians appointed pursuant to law  
109 shall be deemed to be election officials. No election official shall  
110 perform services for any party or candidate on election day nor appear  
111 at any political party headquarters prior to eight o'clock p.m. on  
112 election day."